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2000 JUNE ACREAGE REPORT

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

i Corn planted for all purposes was estimated at 79.6 million acres, up 3 percent from last year.

i Soybean planted acres was estimated at 74.5 million acres, 1 percent above last year's acreage. This would be the largest planted acreage on record. Planted acreage has consistently increased every year since 1990.

i Burley acreage for harvest in the **8-State Burley Belt** was estimated at 201,000 acres, down 102,600 acres from 303,600 acres in 1999.

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Farmers increased their corn planted acreage for 2000, while decreasing their soybean and burley tobacco acreage. Conditions this spring have been favorable for planting crops and setting tobacco. Much needed recent rains have been beneficial to crop growth.

Farmers expect to set an estimated 125,000 acres of **burley tobacco**, down 40 percent from last year's 210,000 acres. The acreage decrease was brought about by the reduction in the effective poundage quota that farmers can sell. Acres of dark tobacco set are up from 1999, with **dark fired tobacco** estimated at 7,800 acres, and **dark air cured tobacco** estimated at 4,700 acres. Dark fired acreage was up 8 percent from 1999 and dark air cured acreage was up 7 percent. Tobacco setting as of June 18 was slightly ahead of last year's pace due to generally good setting weather. Disease and insect problems have been minimal.

Corn planted was estimated at 1.42 million acres, the highest planted acreage since 1992. The corn planted estimate is up 8 percent from last year's 1.32 million acres. Acres harvested for grain was estimated at 1.31 million acres, up 11 percent from last year. This is the largest acres for grain since 1986. As of June 25, 10 percent of the corn had reached the silk stage,

compared to last year's 2 percent, and the 5 year average of 1 percent. The rains have helped spur plant growth. There have been some reports of increased insect activity.

Soybeans planted was estimated at 1.10 million acres. This is down 100,000 acres from last year, and the smallest soybean planted acreage since 1988. Soybean acres for harvest as beans was estimated at 1.08 million acres, down 70,000 acres from last year. As of June 25, 83 percent of the intended soybean acreage had been planted. This is 6 percent behind last year while 16 percent ahead of the 5 year average. The recent rains have been very beneficial to growth of single crop soybeans and germination and growth of double crop soybeans.

Winter wheat acreage planted was unchanged from the March estimate of 670,000 acres. Harvested for grain acres was estimated at 420,000 acres, down 10,000 from the June 1 yield estimate. Planted acreage is up 20,000 acres from 1999 and harvested acres is up 10,000 acres. As of June 25, 72 percent of the crop had been harvested. Most farmers reported good yields, although some low test weights have been reported.

Alfalfa hay acreage is down 50,000 acres from last year at 200,000 acres. Last year's drought was very hard on alfalfa stands. **All other hay** acreage increased 200,000 acres from last year to 2,350,000 acres, the highest acreage on record. The first cutting of hay was good, and farmers look forward to more good cuttings with recent rains.

PLANTED & HARVESTED ACRES, JUNE 2000

CROPS	KENTUCKY ACREAGE			UNITED STATES ACREAGE		
	1999	2000	% of	1999	2000	% of
		Indi- cated	1999		Indi- cated	1999
	(1,000 Acres)			(1,000 Acres)		
All Corn (Pl)	1,320	1,420	108	77,431	79,579	103
Corn for Grain (H)	1,180	1,310	111	70,537	73,088	104
Soybeans (Pl)	1,200	1,100	92	73,780	74,501	101
Soybeans for Beans	1,150	1,080	94	72,476	73,474	101
All Sorghum (Pl)	10	9	90	9,288	8,805	95
Sorghum for Grain (H)	8	7	88	8,544	8,110	95
Hay:						
All	2,400	2,550	106	63,160	62,181	98
Alfalfa	250	200	80	23,985	23,767	99
All Other	2,150	2,350	109	39,175	38,414	98
Tobacco:						
All			62	647.16		76
Burley			60			66
Type 22 E. Fired			107			108
Type 23 W. Fired			109			108
Type 35 One			105			105
Type 36 Grn River			110			110
All Wheat (Pl) 1/	650	670	103	62,814	62,946	100
All Wheat (H)	410	420	102	53,909	54,445	101
Barley (Pl) 1/	9	10	111	5,223	5,702	109
Barley (H)	8	9	113	4,758	5,235	110

1/ Includes acreage planted preceding fall. (Pl) = Planted, (H) = Harvested. Crops not so indicated are harvested.

JUNE 1 HOG & PIG INVENTORY

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2000, was 59.4 million head. This was 2 percent below June 1999, but 2 percent above March 1, 2000. Breeding inventory, at 6.23 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 1999, but up slightly from March 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.8 million head, was 2 percent less than 1999, and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.89 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to

8.80 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the June-August 2000 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999, and 7 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for September-November 2000, at 2.86 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period last year, but 4 percent below 1998. The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 30 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS BY CLASS & WEIGHT GROUPS JUNE 1, 1999 - 2000, SELECTED STATES AND U.S.

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET		MARKET HOGS							
	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs		120-179 lbs		180 lbs +	
	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1,000	% of	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Head	1999	Head	1999	Head	1999	(1,000 Head)							
AR	690	95	110	100	580	94	220	210	150	135	135	130	110	105
CO	890	99	210	105	680	97	360	390	115	90	115	90	110	110
IL	4,150	95	430	93	3,720	96	1,460	1,360	950	920	840	820	640	620
IN	3,300	92	350	85	2,950	92	1,230	1,170	810	690	650	570	500	520
IA	15,500	100	1,160	97	14,340	100	4,550	4,570	3,950	4,070	3,050	3,080	2,750	2,620
KS	1,390	91	150	94	1,240	91	555	500	290	245	255	235	260	260
MI	1,000	91	110	92	890	91	430	400	220	200	200	160	130	130
MN	5,700	102	580	97	5,120	102	2,000	2,060	1,200	1,250	980	1,020	820	790
MO	3,050	95	380	93	2,670	96	1,240	1,270	730	610	520	490	300	300
NE	2,950	92	370	90	2,580	92	1,130	1,040	720	660	540	500	400	380
NC	9,600	101	1,000	100	8,600	101	3,400	3,500	2,000	2,000	1,750	1,700	1,350	1,400
OH	1,400	85	160	80	1,240	86	590	520	375	290	305	270	180	160
OK	2,290	105	340	110	1,950	104	790	840	360	400	270	240	450	470
PA	1,050	96	125	100	925	96	360	340	250	250	195	195	160	140
SD	1,230	92	125	96	1,105	92	430	390	280	310	270	240	220	165
TX	870	113	85	100	785	115	250	230	135	200	140	160	160	195
WI	580	88	65	81	515	89	215	195	130	120	130	110	105	90
Other <u>1/</u>	3,757	93	484	96	3,274	93	1,322	1,203	836	807	731	690	627	574
U.S.	59,397	98	6,234	96	53,164	98	20,532	20,188	13,501	13,247	11,076	10,700	9,272	9,029

1/Individual state estimates not available for the 33 other States. Kentucky included in other States.

MILK PRODUCTION

Kentucky milk production for May 2000 totaled 158 million pounds, up 6 percent from May 1999. Average number of milk cows on farms, at 133,000 head, was unchanged from May 1999 and last month. Milk per cow averaged 1,185 pounds for May 2000, up 65 pounds from May 1999 but down 5 pounds from April 2000.

Milk Production in the **20 major States** during May totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 2.6 percent from production in these same States in May 1999. April revised production, at 12.4 billion pounds, was up 3.3 percent from April 1999. The April revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 42 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,638 pounds for May, 28 pounds above May 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.80 million head, 63,000 head more than May 1999 and 9,000 head more than April 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 382,000, 600-699 pounds were 470,000, 700-799 pounds were 794,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 658,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. **Other disappearance** totaled 115,000 during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

Cattle on feed June 1, 2000, in the **7 States 1/** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.41 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. **Placements** in feedlots during May totaled 2.00 million, 15 percent above both 1999 and 1998. **Marketings** during May totaled 1.88 million, 10 percent above 1999 and up 11 percent from 1998. **Other disappearance** during May was 85,000 head, 16 percent above 1999 and 31 percent above 1998. 1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

MOST LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES DOWN

Prices received for livestock and grain commodities by **Kentucky** farmers at mid-June were mostly down from May.

Prices for **steers and heifers** were down \$1.00 from last month at \$84.00 per cwt. while up \$14.00 from last year. **Beef cow** prices dropped \$1.00 to \$40.00 per cwt. compared to \$36.00 last June. This was the first decrease in price this year. **Calf** prices also declined to \$97.00 per cwt. at mid-June compared to \$99.00 in May. Prices recently peaked at \$102.00 during April. The mid-June price averaged \$18.00 above June a year ago.

Barrow & gilt prices also declined for the first time this year averaging \$45.00 per cwt. at mid-June, down \$1.00 from May while up \$12.00 from last year. **Sow** prices at \$35.00 per cwt. were down \$6.00 from last month while up \$5.00 from last June.

The **all milk** price at mid-June was unchanged from May at \$13.60 per cwt. and equals the price received last June.

Prices received for **corn** averaged \$2.05 per bushel at mid-June, 30 cents below last month and 16 cents below last year. The price of corn was the lowest it had been since last November. **Soybean** prices averaged \$5.00 per bushel, down 40 cents from May while up 41 cents over last June. This was the lowest price since January. **Winter wheat**, the only commodity with a price increase from May averaged \$2.35 per bushel at mid-June, 3 cents above last month and 14 cents above June a year ago.

The **U.S.** preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in June was 99 based on 1990-92=100, down 2 points (2.0 percent) from the May index. Lower prices for lettuce, corn, cattle, soybeans, and broccoli more than offset price increases for eggs, strawberries, milk, and celery. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell affects the overall index. Higher seasonal marketings of wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupes more than offset the relatively lower marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and cattle. These marketing changes kept the index from falling one more point. Compared with June 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 2 points (2.1 percent) higher. Price increases from June 1999 for hogs, cattle, lettuce, and soybeans more than offset price decreases for milk, oranges, corn, and broilers.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS -(Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNI T	KENTUCKY			US
		JUN 1999	MAY 2000	JUN 2000	JUN 2000
		Entire Month		Mid-Month <u>a/</u>	
FARM PRICES					
All Corn <u>b/ c/</u>	Bu.	2.21	2.35	2.05	1.81
Soybeans <u>b/</u>	Bu.	4.59	5.40	5.00	4.91
Winter Wheat <u>b/</u>	Bu.	2.21	2.32	2.35	2.42
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	119.00	112.00	110.00	85.70
All Other Hay, baled	Ton	77.00	73.00	72.00	70.90
All Hogs	Cwt.	32.90	45.80	44.60	47.90
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	33.00	46.00	45.00	48.60
Sows	Cwt.	30.00	41.00	35.00	35.00
All Beef Cattle <u>d/</u>	Cwt.	61.80	74.40	73.40	67.90
Steers & Heifers <u>e/</u>	Cwt.	70.00	85.00	84.00	71.30
Cows	Cwt.	36.00	41.00	40.00	39.20
Calves <u>f/</u>	Cwt.	79.00	99.00	97.00	103.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	13.60	13.60	13.60	12.20
Fluid <u>g/</u>	Cwt.	13.60	13.60	- -	12.20
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.40	8.80	- -	10.40
Hog-Corn Ratios <u>h/</u>	Bu.	14.9	19.5	21.8	26.5

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. h/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

SLAUGHTER HIGHLIGHTS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, 8 percent higher than the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 1999 and 3 percent higher than the previous record high for May set in 1996. May 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2000 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION 1/

Type	May 1999	Apr 2000	May 2000	May '00 % of	
				May 1999	Apr 2000
Million Pounds			Percent		
Beef	2,151	2,026	2,302	107	114
Veal	17	17	19	113	113
Pork	1,417	1,394	1,540	109	110
Lamb & Mutton	18	23	17	97	74
Total U.S.	3,603	3,460	3,878	108	112
Total Kentucky	34.5	31.9	34.7	101	109

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER 1/

	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
Type	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
KENTUCKY						
Cattle	1.1	1.1	885	945	824	874
Hogs	175.8	172.6	45,620	45,529	260	264
Sheep & Lambs	0.8	1.1	122	138	160	128
UNITED STATES						
Cattle	2,996.8	3,176.0	3,559,386	3,799,466	1,188	1,196
Hogs	7,438.9	7,945.4	1,929,425	2,087,451	259	263
Sheep & Lambs	270.2	259.4	36,433	34,980	135	135

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

JUNE 1 GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in **Kentucky** totaled 27.4 million bushels on June 1, 2000. This was up 14 percent from 1999, and the largest June stocks in 7 years. Of the total corn stocks estimated, 16.0 million bushels (58 percent of the total) were stored on-farm. The remaining 11.4 million bushels were stored in off-farm facilities. Off-farm stocks include grain stored at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. On-farm stocks were up 7 percent from last year at this time, and off-farm stocks were up 26 percent. **Soybean** estimates were made only for off-farm stocks in Kentucky. Off farm stocks totaled 4.15 million bushels as of June 1, 2000. This is up 7 percent from last year, and the largest in three years. Kentucky off-farm old crop **wheat** stocks totaled 2.21 million bushels. This was down 9 percent from last year.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on June 1, 2000, totaled 3.59 billion bushels, down 1 percent from June 1, 1999. Of the total stocks, 2.03 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 10 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 1.56 billion bushels, were up 15 percent from a year ago. **Soybeans** stored in all positions in the **U.S.** on June 1, 2000 totaled 775 million bushels, down 9 percent from June 1, 1999. On-farm stocks, at 370 million bushels, were down 19 percent from the same period a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 405 million bushels, were 4 percent higher than June 1, 1999. **U.S.** old crop **all wheat** stored in all positions on June 1, 2000 totaled 950 million bushels, up slightly from a year ago. This was the largest June 1 stocks level since the 1987-88 market year. On-farm stocks were estimated at 227 million bushels, down 18 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 723 million bushels, were up 8 percent from a year ago.

KENTUCKY AND UNITED STATES STOCKS OF GRAIN, JUNE 1, 2000 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	POSITION	KENTUCKY			UNITED STATES		
		June 1, 1999	March 1, 2000	June 1, 2000	June 1, 1999	March 1, 2000	June 1, 2000
(Thousand Bushels)							
Corn	On-Farm	15,000	32,000	16,000	2,257,000	3,300,000	2,029,800
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	9,101	18,947 <u>5/</u>	11,442	1,359,225	2,301,958 <u>5/</u>	1,557,112
	Total	24,101	50,947 <u>5/</u>	27,442	3,616,225	5,601,958 <u>5/</u>	3,586,912
Sorghum	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	27,400	51,700	27,300
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	88,680	173,932 <u>5/</u>	99,682
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	116,080	225,632 <u>5/</u>	126,982
Oats	On-Farm	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	40,700	53,900 <u>5/</u>	36,000
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	410	131	126	40,678	48,500 <u>5/</u>	40,027
	Total	410	131	126	81,378	102,400 <u>5/</u>	76,027
Barley	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	52,000	59,300	25,400
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	89,653	110,917 <u>5/</u>	86,326
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	141,653	170,217 <u>5/</u>	111,726
All Wheat	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	277,710	423,180	226,780
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	2,421	3,796	2,211	668,208	992,115 <u>5/</u>	723,293
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	945,918	1,415,295 <u>5/</u>	950,073
Soybeans	On-Farm	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	458,000	730,000	370,000
	Off-Farm <u>1/</u>	3,893	7,371	4,154	390,573	666,233 <u>5/</u>	404,996
	Total	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	848,573	1,396,233 <u>5/</u>	774,996

^{1/}Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ^{2/}Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately. ^{3/}On-Farm oat stocks estimates not made. ^{4/}Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. ^{5/}Revised.

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